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United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced that a federal grand jury in Orlando, Florida, returned a three count indictment against Sidney J. Yost, age 47, of Ventura, California, formerly of Heathrow, Florida, charging him with one count of fraudulently concealing assets in bankruptcy, and two counts of making false declarations under penalty of perjury in connection with a case in bankruptcy. Yost has been ordered to appear in Orlando Federal District Court to answer the charges at a date to be determined by the Court.

The indictment alleges that Yost, in connection with an amended bankruptcy petition as to his personal bankruptcy filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Orlando, Florida, falsely stated on August 26, 1997 that he did not own any stock or interest in any corporations or businesses, and that he did not own any animals, when in fact he was registered with the state of Florida as the sole shareholder and director of Amazing Animal Actors Corporation and Amazing Animal Affection Training Center Corporation, located in Marion County, Florida. The indictment also alleges that Yost failed to list his ownership of several exotic animals kept at the Amazing Animal Affection Training Center.

If convicted on each count, Yost faces a maximum sentence of 15 years' imprisonment and fines of up to \$750,000.

The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and will be prosecuted by Thomas W. Turner, Senior Litigation Counsel.